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(இ) The function of the Council is to co-ordinate and support the activities of the Health Education Bureau in the State. The Council will consist of 15 members, (6 non-officials and [illegible] officials) with Minister for Revenue as chairman. It will meet once in a quarter.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : இந்தக் கவுன்சில் பாரம் ஆகிவிட்டதா ? இதில் உள்ள உறுப்பினர்கள் பெயர் என்ன ? இது ஆரம்பித்த பிறகு ஏதாவது மீட்டிங் போடப்பட்டதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : கவுன்சில் பாரம் ஆகிவிட்டது, இன்னும் ஒரு மீட்டிங்கூட நடக்கவில்லை. காரணம் 5 பேர்களில் 4 பேர்களின் சம்மதம்தான் வந்திருக்கிறது. இன்னொருவரின் சம்மதம் வந்தால்தான் மீட்டிங் போடுவதற்கு வாய்ப்பு ஏறபடும்.

Non-officials.—Two Members of the Legislature interested in Health Education to be nominated by the Chairman, two representatives from voluntary health and social welfare agencies interested in Health Education, a representative of the University.

Officials.—Additional Development Commissioner, Director of Medical Services, Director of Public Health, Director of Public Instruction, Director of Agriculture, Director of Information and Publicity, Health Education Consultant, Administrative Officer, Research-*cum*-Action Project, Poonamallee, Health Officer, Corporation of Madras, and Assistant Director of Public Health in charge of Health Education.

Fee-concession

*909 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the limit on the income of parents fixed for getting fee-concession for students studying in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) whether this limit is the same as in other districts; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Sir, the position is as follows :

Secondary schools.—(1) No income limit is prescribed for the grant of fee-concessions to the pupils of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes studying in Kanyakumari district.

(2) An income limit of Rs. 900 per annum is prescribed in the case of pupils belonging to (i) the other backward classes and (ii) converts to Christianity from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and from the backward classes studying in Secondary Schools.

Colleges.—No income limit is prescribed for the grant of fee-concessions to eligible students in colleges.

(*b*) No, Sir.

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(c) The question of revising the system of award of community concessions is under consideration. Pending a decision on this question, it has been decided that any concession already enjoyed should not be denied simply as a result of the State Reorganization. In pursuance of this policy, the students of the transferred areas are allowed to enjoy the concession in accordance with the rules in force in the former Travancore–Cochin State.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : Is it a fact that the income-limit fixed for granting educational concessions to students belonging to communities other than Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes is Rs. 1,200 in other districts and it is only Rs. 900 in the Transferred Territory and if so, will the Government be pleased to increase income-limit to the level prevailing in the rest of the Madras State so that there is no difference in income-limit ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already explained the position. As a matter of fact in colleges no income-limit is prescribed in the Kanyakumari district, whereas income-limit is fixed in other districts of the Madras State. Therefore, it would mean revision of the entire thing. They cannot have only advantages. So, I would request the hon. Member to wait for the final decision with regard to the community concession.

Medical graduates (compulsory services in hospitals)

* 910 Q.—Sri V.K. KOTHANDARAMAN: கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வைத்திய மாணவர்கள் M.B.B.S. படிப்பு முடிந்த உடனே குறிப்பிட்ட காலம் சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் கட்டாய சேவை செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவு போட உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government have examined the question of introducing a scheme of making service in rural areas obligatory in respect of medical graduates by giving them scholarship or stipends during the period of their study in the Medical Colleges. But in the view of the increasing number of medical graduates likely to become available for appointment as Assistant Surgeons in the near future, and during the Third Plan period, the scheme has been dropped.

* 911 Q.—Mr. SPEAKER : This is postponed.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, if it is an important question, the hon. Member should be present here. But this is an innocuous question and this is a routine question. I may tell the hon. Members that if a question is important, they could request the Chair to postpone it.

Mr. SPEAKER : Hereafter I will not agree to it.